

CLEAN COPY OF REPLACEMENT CLAIMSIN THE CLAIMS:

20. (amended) A composite cable unit, comprising:

B<sup>3</sup> an optical sub-unit, said optical sub-unit including a tube surrounding at least one optical fiber and strength members or filaments that are operative to at least partially de-couple said at least one optical fiber from said tube;

an electrical sub-unit; and

said optical and electrical sub-units being removably connected at a medial portion between said sub-units by a common jacket material.

28. (amended) A composite cable unit, comprising:

B<sup>4</sup> an optical sub-unit, said optical sub-unit including a tube surrounding at least one tight buffered optical fiber and strength members or filaments that are operative to at least partially de-couple said at least one optical fiber from said tube;

an electrical sub-unit; and

said optical and electrical sub-units being removably connected at a medial portion between said sub-units by a common jacket material.

35. (amended) A composite cable unit, comprising:

an optical sub-unit, said optical sub-unit including a tube surrounding at least one optical fiber and strength members or filaments that are operative to at least partially de-couple said at least one optical fiber from said tube;

B<sup>5</sup> an electrical sub-unit, said electrical sub-unit being a portion of a coaxial cable; and

said optical and electrical sub-units being removably connected at a medial portion between said sub-units by a common jacket material.